

**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Petition of MCImetro Access	)	
Transmission Services Corp. for Any	)	
Approvals Required for Corporate	)	<b><u>PETITION</u></b>
Conversion and Name Change	)	

MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (“MCImetro Corp.”) respectfully petitions the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) for approval to change its name to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (“MCImetro LLC”) as the result of its planned conversion from a corporation to a limited liability company. This Petition is filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-310 (2015) and in accordance with 10 S.C. Code Regs. 103-825 (2012).

**I. DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY**

1. MCImetro Corp. is a Delaware corporation certificated by this Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier providing local exchange services in South Carolina as well as throughout most of the United States.

**II. MCIMETRO CORP.’S REPRESENTATIVES**

2. MCImetro Corp.’s representatives in this proceeding are its undersigned counsel.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION**

3. MCImetro Corp. proposes to convert from a corporation to a limited liability company and change the company’s name to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC.

The transaction will not result in a change of control or a change to the rates, terms, and conditions of the services that MCImetro Corp. offers to customers. MCImetro LLC will continue to conduct business in accordance with all applicable South Carolina laws, rules, and regulations and the orders of this Commission. The proposed transaction therefore will not affect the operations of MCImetro Corp. and will be transparent to customers.

4. MCImetro Corp. intends to send its customers notice of the transaction in or about May 2021. The notice will inform MCImetro Corp.'s customers of the name change to MCImetro LLC.

5. MCImetro Corp. submits that, because the proposed conversion and resulting name change will have no impact on service to customers, no hearing is necessary under §58-9-310 and therefore none is due. Further, because no hearing is due and MCImetro Corp. will be separately notifying customers, no notice of filing or hearing is necessary under 10 S.C. Code Regs. 103-804.I and J (2012) and these requirements should be waived under 10 S.C. Code Regs. 103-803 (2012). *Cf. In Re: Application of Qwest Communications Corporation*, 2009 WL 9567646 (2009) (Commission determining in Order No. 2009-65 that requirement of public notice may be waived where a name change results from a conversion of corporation to a limited liability company). MCImetro Corp. requests that, if notwithstanding the foregoing the Commission determines that notice is required or a hearing is due, they be expedited as requested below.

#### **IV. RELIEF REQUESTED**

6. MCImetro Corp. respectfully requests that the Commission grant its approval so that MCImetro Corp. may convert to a limited liability company and change its name to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services.

MCImetro Corp. also requests approval to change the name of its certificate of public convenience and necessity to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, effective as of July 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as the transaction is consummated.

7. MCImetro Corp. further requests that the requirements for public notice and a hearing be waived.

8. The conversion to a limited liability company and name change is planned to be closed on June 30, 2021. MCImetro Corp. therefore respectfully requests that the Commission grant expedited review and approval of this Petition so that an order of approval may be issued no later than May 31, 2021. If notice and hearing are required, MCImetro Corp. requests that any notice period be abbreviated and that any hearing be scheduled accordingly.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth its Petition, MCImetro Corp. respectfully requests that the Petition, and such other and further relief as the Commission may find just and proper, be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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